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## DEFINITE RUPTURE.

**CHINESE ADOPT ARMED  
INTERVENTION.**

**RUSSIANS' THREAT.**

(Reuter's Services.)

Peking, Jan. 19.  
Telegrams from Manchuria reveal that the dispute which has been proceeding for some time between the Soviet authorities and the Chinese over the question of transportation of Chinese troops by the Chinese Eastern Railway is fast developing into a struggle for the de facto control of the railway.

Negotiations between the Chinese authorities and the Soviet Consul-General at Harbin have ended in a definite rupture with the result that the Chinese have now adopted a policy of armed intervention. Traffic has ceased and the Russians have threatened to send troops to guard the line.

A passenger train, which was forcibly occupied by Heilungkiang troops, left Changchun for Harbin on Sunday under soldiers' coercion, and 1,200 Chinese troops were sent to Harbin by a special train on the following day.

## A DECREASE.

**BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED  
FIGURES.**

1925 REVIEW.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.  
The annual review of labour conditions for the past year is contained in the Ministry of Labour "Gazette" which shows that the number of insured workers recorded as unemployed at the end of the year was slightly lower than in the previous December. Although legislative and administrative changes introduced had had some effect in reducing the numbers, it is stated that the reduction due to this cause was not considerable and that the fall in total numbers occurred despite an increase of about 228,000 in the total number of insured workers.

Whilst the figure for the recent month have shown a shrinkage in unemployment, the average of monthly percentages of unemployed in Britain and northern Ireland among insured persons was 11.3 as against 19.3 in the previous year. The increase was mainly due to the severe depression in the coal mining industry. Reports state that as compared with unemployment in 1924, there was improvement in tin plate, hosiery, clothing, furnishing, woodworking, paper manufacture, printing, and certain kinds of metal trades but a decline in coal and iron mining, pottery, ship building, marine engineering, and silk and linen industries.

## BRITAIN'S NAVY.

**MUST NOT BE LEFT IN  
LURCH.**

**ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.**

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.  
Referring to the Government's naval policy in a speech at Ludlow last night, the First Lord of Admiralty, the Right Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, said that although Britain was a country which depended more on sea than any other factor she was only a nation which had delayed now construction to last possible moments. It was not generally known that other great maritime powers, United States, Japan, France and Italy laid down after the war, benefitting by lessons of the war, over 800 ships of war from cruisers downwards, while Britain's contribution was 11. While she was only too anxious and willing to enter into any agreement which would be safe for the country in regard to the limitation of armaments either on sea or land or in the air, so long as other countries continued to arm themselves she must do the same, and that he never had any doubt that he would be able to do so.

After the examination of his client from the witness box, Mr. D. McCallum submitted for the defence that a trap had been laid for the plaintiff, a man committed a serious crime, but that it had not succeeded so well as they hoped. He asked that the court to believe the man's story that the trap had been thrown in his case and that he never had any doubt that he would be able to do so.

The court adjourned to consider the evidence for the prosecution and the defence to have a conference.

## MR. G. DUNCAN, M.B.E.

**HONGKONG AT WEMBLEY  
HONOUR.**

**LOCAL SERVICES REWARDED.**

Many friends in Kowloon and in the Colony generally will learn with pleasure that the name of Mr. George Duncan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., has been included in the Wembley Honours List. A Reuter cablegram from London announces that the honour of M.B.E. has been bestowed on Mr. Duncan in connection with his work at, and, on behalf of, the Hongkong section of the British Empire Exhibition.

To Mr. Duncan's ingenuity and work were due the very fine models of the Dock Company, of some of the vessels it had constructed shortly before, and the very artistic models of Hongkong (including "Hongkong by night"). These were the subject of special praise in the report of the joint Hongkong Chambers of Commerce Committee in charge of local arrangements for the British Empire exhibition.

Mr. Duncan, together with skilled artisans, supervised the adding of authentic Chinese touches such as printed signs etc. to the Hongkong section, and in this connection the Committee of the Chambers in charge of the local arrangements for the Exhibition placed on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. R. M. Dyer, not the least of which was the release of Mr. Duncan, with others, for this work. The report of this Committee, to which the "China Mail" had access through the courtesy of Mr. M. F. Key, the Secretary of the special Committee, records that the efforts of Mr. Duncan contributed in no small degree to the efficient working of the Exhibition. Thanks were also due to the Dock Companies for their magnificent models all of which, especially "Hongkong By Night," attracted great attention and favourable comment. Another tribute paid to Mr. Duncan was when the London Committee put forward the proposal that Hongkong should participate in 1925. Among those whose services were unanimously agreed upon as essential to ensure success again he was discharged.

The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour. As regards the ring, the Magistrate said that he had no power to make order for its restoration to the owner without payment, as the pawnbroker had no evidence that it was stolen.

## SOLD FOR \$238.

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**CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.**

A lighter which had been seized for payment of debt and afterwards sold was the subject of a Supreme Court case this morning. Mr. F. C. Jenkins (instructed by Johnson, Stokes & Master) for the owner, claiming damages for wrongful conversion.

The lighter was the "Chuen On."

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) appeared for the defence.

The lighter had been hired by the owners, the Chan Yuk Chuen firm, to the "Po On" lighter company, said Mr. Jenkins in opening his case. The latter after a year's use handed it to the defendants (the Kung Fook Hing Kee Slipway) for the purpose of strengthening and repairing it with the object of using it to carry stone cargo. The "Po On" company was unable to continue the hirin gor' pay the full amount of the bill for repairs (\$2,600) and as a result, the Slipway Company set up a lien on the lighter.

Acting on a writ of execution against the "Po On" company, further stated Mr. Jenkins, the defendants pointed out the lighter to the bailiffs as the property of the "Po On" company and it was seized and sold, the price fetched being \$238.50. The purchasers were the defendants. The cost of the lighter to the plaintiffs in 1923 had been \$2,100.

By this sale, Mr. Jenkins held that the defendants had forfeited their right to lien.

The case for the defence was that the lien existed and that the Slipway company had a right to hold the lighter.

Upon the plaintiff giving evidence and the cross-examination by Mr. Alabaster proceeding, His Lordship suggested that Mr. Alabaster should confine himself to the point at issue, whether there had been conversion by the sale of the lighter. Mr. Alabaster contended that the plaintiff had also to prove that he was the owner of the lighter.

Mr. Alabaster suggested that to file a counterclaim.

Permission was refused.

The case is proceeding.

## A STOLEN RING.

**PEAK EUROPEAN LADY'S  
LOSS.**

**TELEPHONE COOLIE CONVICTED.**

A delivery coolie and a repair man in the employment of the Telephone Company were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning charged on two counts of larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$500 and receiving stolen property.

The owner of the ring was accidentally traced in the course of inquiries made by Sub-Inspector Shatford after it had been pawned by the first defendant for \$300.

The Inspector visited the Peak residences where telephones had recently been cut off or order and Mrs. T. Arthur, of No. 877, when shown the ring, identified it as her property. On looking through her trinket box it was found that another ring costing \$150 had also been stolen but this was not recovered. The theft had been committed while the men had access to the house in order to repair the telephone.

After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Arthur, a Chinese woman who pawned the ring, and the pawnbroker, the Magistrate held that the charges against the second defendant were not proved and he was discharged.

The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour. As regards the ring, the Magistrate said that he had no power to make order for its restoration to the owner without payment, as the pawnbroker had no evidence that it was stolen.

## CABLE CONTROL.

**THE CHINESE OFFICE IN  
HONGKONG.**

**TO BE UNDER CANTON?**

From a very reliable source the "China Mail" learns that steps are being taken to secure for the Canton Government the control of the Hongkong office of the Chinese Telegraph Administration.

Mr. Au, present superintendent of the Kung Tung, who was appointed by the Peking Ministry of Communications, Mr. Au went to Canton on private affairs.

According to the report he was detained by the Public Peace Bureau and then released under a bond. Since then, it is stated, verbal directions have been passed on to Hongkong indicating that Canton would send a nominee to take charge.

On inquiry at the local office this morning a "China Mail" reporter was told that information for publication could only be given through the Peking office, but the report was neither denied nor confirmed. Meanwhile, the speaker added, business was being conducted as usual and there had been no hitch.

## AN UNDESIRABLE.

**RUSSIAN TO BE  
DEPORTED.**

A Russian who was recently ordered to the House of Detention was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with having no passport when he arrived in the Colony.

Defendant pleaded that his passport and other documents had been stolen by pirates.

A conviction without penalty was recorded, an order was made for the man to be sent away from the Colony.

## ARMED ROBBERY.

**NEW TERRITORIES  
INCIDENT.**

An armed robbery was committed early yesterday morning at an old woman's hut on the new road between Sing Mun and Tin Wan.

Several men entered the hut, one of them armed with a knife. The woman was felled to the ground, and after ransacking the place for fifteen minutes, the robbers decamped with a small sum of money.

## TO-DAY DOLLAR.

The latest rate of exchange on demand, to-day was 24.916.

## "HERMES" LEAVING.

**TO BE REPLACED BY THE  
"VINDICTIVE."**

**CHANGES NEXT MONTH.**

On or about February 1, H.M.S. "Hermes" will be leaving Hongkong. She will sail via Singapore for the Mediterranean where she was stationed before coming out here, several months ago.

About the same time H.M.S. "Vindictive" will have arrived to join the China Station.

## CANCER RESEARCH.

**MOST VITAL PART OF WORK  
ACCOMPLISHED.**

**DR. GYE'S STATEMENT.**

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

Doctor W. Gye whose cancer research discoveries have created world-wide interest yesterday stated that recent researches had defined in practical terms the problem before them. "We know," he said, "what we have to solve and in my opinion the most important part of work has already been solved. Prospects for final solution of cause and probably prevention of disease are ripe."

Dr. Gye was speaking at a meeting in Yorkshire which county has just collected £150,000 to establish a cancer research centre to be connected with Leeds University.

The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

As regards the ring, the Magistrate said that he had no power to make order for its restoration to the owner without payment, as the pawnbroker had no evidence that it was stolen.

## LONDON TUBE FIRE.

**THRILLING INCIDENTS NEAR  
HAMSTEAD.**

**NO PERSONAL INJURY.**

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

London network of tube railways which run at depth in some places of one hundred feet below surface have been freed from any serious accident since the first of them was built some twenty-five years ago.

This morning fire broke out on what is known as Hamstead tube in the tunnel near Hamstead Station. It was apparently caused by short circuiting of cables. Dense clouds of black smoke issued from the tunnel into Hamstead Station. Two trains, packed with people on their way to business which were in the tunnel at the time were stopped by automatic signals which were put out of action by the breakdown and stood at danger.

One train which had not proceeded into the tunnel was brought back. Another train had proceeded a considerable distance and was unable to move owing to lack of current. Officials, however, succeeded in running up to it an empty train which being of considerable length was able to pass over a portion of the rails which was still electrified and which passengers also were safely transferred and brought back. No personal injury therefore resulted. The fire was extinguished after the train service had been deranged for about an hour and half.

## CABLE CONTROL.

**ITALY'S DEBT.**

**REFUNDING DISCUSSED IN  
LONDON.**

**COUNT VOLPI'S VISIT.**

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

A further meeting is taking place this afternoon between Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Head of the Italian Debt Funding Delegation. British and Italian experts are also to-day continuing examination of documents.



## ARMS ON SHIP.

CASE BEFORE TWO MAGISTRATES.

TWELVE FIREMEN CHARGED.

With Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Wilson sitting together at the Central Magistracy yesterday, eight Chinese were charged with unlawful possession of nine revolvers and 925 rounds of ammunition, and four others were charged with possession of some of the arms. The arrests followed the seizure of 53 revolvers and 5,584 rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. "Benavon" on December 12.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy and Mr. Leo d'Almada each represented one of the defendants, and Mr. D. McCullum appeared for the remainder.

In answer to Mr. Lindsell, the prosecution stated that there was no evidence against the four men than had been indicated at the last hearing except that the seized property was found in the men's quarters.

Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke described the raid which he carried out with two European and Chinese revenue officers.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said it did not appear that the firemen had left in the usual way. The place was untidy and things were in disorder. Answering questions, witness said he received information after the "Benavon" arrived in port. He did not think the disarranged condition of the place was due to the search by revenue officers. He thought someone had ransacked it before the officers arrived. Several sampans left the ship, but he saw no one climb overboard.

Revenue Officer Beattie also gave evidence as to the finding of boxes and other packages.

The case was adjourned until Monday, the four defendants concerned in the second charge being allowed bail in \$100 each.

## FIVE GASSED.

BURST MAIN PERIL IN THE NIGHT.

Five people living in houses next or opposite to each other, were taken to Stockport Infirmary early in the morning suffering from gas-poisoning.

It is supposed that there was a gas leak from the main.

According to Mrs. Edwards, wife of William Edwards (42), a grocer, of Borden Street, Portwood, her husband heard a bang in the night, but could not ascertain the cause. When he got up he said he "fell sick" and began to stagger. He went downstairs, and she there found him lying unconscious.

She called in a doctor, and then went next door to a house round the corner in Brady Street. As she could get no answer she burst open the door and found Nellie Coleman (60) and Mary Cox (12) lying in bed unconscious. Miss Coleman appeared to be dead, but recovered a little later.

In houses on the other side of Brady Street, William Morton (61), had been gassed, and had fallen with his head on the chimney place, and Elizabeth Steak (60), was in bed suffering from the effects of the fumes.

## IN PERFECT ORDER.

JURY INSPECT A HOOK LADDER.

A FIREMAN'S DEATH.

The inquiry into the death of a recruit fireman was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday. In the morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the jury visited the Wan Chai Fire Station, where the accident occurred, and witnessed a demonstration of drill and inspected the tower.

It may be recalled that, at the first hearing last week, evidence was given, that the recruit was using a hook ladder and fell when climbing to the highest stage of the tower.

Further evidence was taken yesterday, showing that the ladder used was in perfect working order.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. In reply to questions by the Coroner they said the drill had been properly and reasonably carried out, and that the recruit was not given more to do than might reasonably be expected of him.

## COMETS' YEAR.

ORBITS OF TWO RECENT DISCOVERIES.

This year now holds the record for the number of comets observed," said Dr. Crommelin at the meeting of the British Astronomical Association in mid week.

The largest number of comets ever seen in any previous year was ten. That was in 1898. The recent discovery of Van Bierbrouck's comet and of Wilk's comet had brought the number for this year up to eleven.

Dr. Crommelin went on to discuss the orbits and the probable future careers of these two comets; but although he spoke with fair confidence about Wilk's comet he was unable, owing to the scarcity of observations, to say anything very definite about Van Bierbrouck's comet.

He said that Wilk's comet would probably fade rapidly, for although it would continue to approach the sun until December 7th, it was already hurrying away from the earth. It seemed likely that the comet either would never return again, or, if it did, not until after a long interval.

As far as could be present, Van Bierbrouck's comet was also fading; it was probably nearest to the sun early in the present month. Neither of the two comets were, or will be, visible without optical assistance. Wilk's comet had no tail, but Van Bierbrouck's was possessed of a faint but definite one.

## THE MECCA PILGRIMS.

Jeddah, January 8.

The Jeddah Consulate states the Government of Sultan Ibn Saud is going to levy the following taxes on each pilgrim: 37½ Egyptian piastres equal to £. 4.68 ¾ for quarantine duties, visas on passports 32½ piastres equals ¾, the so-called "ikram" (expenses for housing, etc.) £4 10s. of which £1 10s. belongs to the Government.

On account of bad times, the rent of houses has been lowered to one-half and that of shops to two-thirds of the normal rent.

## THINGS OF SPIRIT.

LITERARY VALUE OF GHOSTS.

"SHADOWS" IN ALL AGES.

"In literature, the ghost exists as a symbol of man's eternal ignorance and eternal interest in things of the spirit," said Miss Clemence Dane, the playwright, in a lecture, in mid week, to the Six Point Group on "The Ghost in Literature," at which Mr. Alec Guinness presided.

She disagreed, she said, with a distinguished man of letters, who told her that as soon as a ghost was introduced into a work of literature its literary value disappeared. The whole of literature was simply a record of the spirit in man.



MRS. JULIUS KAHN

Mrs. Julius Kahn, who has taken the place of her late husband in Congress from California, called on President Coolidge.

Homer's ghosts were facts, though shadows. Odysseus went to Hades as we to-day might go to Moscow. To the Greeks ghosts were pigeons and helpless; to the Norsemen ghosts were dangerous enemies. With Shakespeare's time the ghost came into its own. Fairies and goblins and sprites came out of their hiding-places. "The Midsummer Night's Dream" established the place of the ghost in literature for ever.

The more words "ghost" had, then, in a robustly age than our own, the power of reminding that there was another world, in which they would one day play a part. The ghost of Banquo is Macbeth's own thought incarnate. It is noticeable that Macbeth is never haunted by the ghost of Duncan, whom he had killed with his own hand. It is after the second outrage on his own better nature that Macbeth goes to pieces and sees a ghost.

In Hamlet's father and Banquo the ghost in literature is crowned.

## POWER TO HAUNT.

They matter-of-fact eighteenth century could not take ghosts seriously, but could not do without them all the same. William Blake was a man who seemed to live his whole life in the world of spirit.

Sir Walter Scott's "Wandering Willie's Tale" was, perhaps, the finest ghost-story in the world.

Ghosts, generally, tended to die out: their power to haunt decreased with the years. In modern ghost-stories, also, it was curious how the writers were inclined to use children.

In our age the ghost had ceased to be ridiculous on the stage. It was Bernard Shaw who had restored the ghost to its proper place in "Man and Superman," "St. Joan," and "Buck to Muthselsah." The unalterable message of the ghost in literature was: "There is a beyond."

## CELEBES' QUAKE.

Weltvreden, January 9.

At Manado, Celebes, a heavy earthquake lasting one minute was felt.

Heavy rains are falling at Semarang. The storm makes it impossible for the steamers to land passengers or cargoes.

At Balangnipa, the river is flooding the country and has carried away a large iron bridge.

The Communist, Sjamsjoeedin, was sentenced by the Padang court to one and a half years' imprisonment for strike propaganda in the port of Empah.

Sergeant Huijsjes, a pupil of the aviation school at Kalidjati, fell with his machine which exploded and was burnt. He himself escaped with a broken leg.

## \$2,000 COFFIN.

BOOTLEGGER'S ROYAL BURIAL.

PENSIONS FOR CRIMINALS.

They buried Sammy Amatuna a few days ago in Chicago with all the pomp and circumstance in things of the spirit," said Miss Clemence Dane, the playwright, in a lecture, in mid week, to the Six Point Group on "The Ghost in Literature," at which Mr. Alec Guinness presided.

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Sammy was the product of his time and environment. He was the leader of a gang, gambler, bootlegger, trafficker in human flesh. He made money fast and came to the usual end. He went to a barber's shop to be shaved and oiled and perfumed, for Sammy was somewhat of an exquisite when he was not committing murder, and that night he was going to the opera, having the Italian's love of music. He never got there. As he stepped from the barber's chair two shots were fired and found lodgment in his body. The police asked him if he suspected anyone, but Sammy was true to the best traditions of the gangster. He suspected no one, although gangland was buzzing with the name of the assassin, and with that comforting lie he passed beyond. Gangland does not unnecessarily confide in the police: it settles its affair in its own way. Sooner or later another gang leader will come to a violent end, the police will ask a few perfunctory questions, and there will be another great funeral.

It was because Sammy died as a gentleman and a gangster should, cynically mystifying the police, that gangland paid him this last homage. For hours before the funeral the streets of the Italian quarter about his house were blocked with a dense mass of men, women, and children watching with amazement the van of the florists arriving with flowers, an endless procession. After brief religious services at the house the casket was carried out by pall-bearers in dinner jackets. It required an hour to load all the flowers into trucks, and the dingy streets were strewn with the petals of roses and chrysanthemums, the only touch of sweetness in that sordid place. Hundreds of men have sworn vengeance on Sammy's slayer. Hundreds of youths taking their first lessons in crime will be more studious. Every gangster knows this fate, but to die with his boots on, as Sammy did, to be followed to the tomb by wailing thousands, to be remembered as a leader, and to leave as a legacy a blood feud—what more could any gangster ask?

**PERSUASION AS DETERRENT.** Sometimes one is inclined to think that New York, despite its sophistication, is still living in the age of innocence. Having tried the ordinary methods to suppress and detect the criminals who make New York their happy hunting ground, and having gloriously failed, the trusting authorities have resorted to simpler and more humane methods, a combination of Freud, Coué, and the old-fashioned teaching of the Sunday schools.

In the elevated and subway cars are placards warning the criminal that the game does not pay, and to point the moral there are pictures of the big policeman pointing his revolver at the slinking criminal. Suggestion, my dear Watson, suggestion. All you have to do is to keep on telling the desperate crook he is bound to lose, and he will become a law-abiding, self-respecting, Church-supporting citizen, passing the plate and asking not even a slight commission for his work. It was the inspiration of genius, but unfortunately the underworld is stupid and unresponsive to suggestion. While the tired business man reads these thrilling placards and thinks his good fortune that he was born honest, the chief sitting next to him gently relieves him of his watch and money. Not only is the criminal stupid, but he is also ungrateful.

**THE WAR ON CRIME.** Chicago, relying less on the powers of persuasion and more on the efficacy of the bullet, has adopted other methods in supressing crime. The Chief of Police has organised a squad of picked men, crack marksmen, and fearless. His orders are concise. Arrest a known criminal on sight, he tells his men; if a man has a gun in his hand, kill him without any loss of time. When Chicago was an outfit of Western civilization, and the Indian was at its gates, the code of the white man was that the only good Indian was a dead Indian. Because

those pioneer days, the Chief of Police evidently believes that the gun-man has his place, and his place is six feet under ground.

Crime is such an expensive drain upon the law-abiding people of Chicago that according to the president of the Crime Commission it would be cheaper to pay the criminals a pension of \$4,000 yearly on their promise to forsake the city and never return. He estimates there are 30,000 professional criminals, or one per cent of the population, and at \$4,000 a year apiece the pension roll would be \$120,000,000 annually. A not insignificant sum, and it gives some idea of the importance attached to the professional criminal in these days.

## GERMAN AIR TRUST.

Berlin, January 6.

A fusion has been effected between the Aero-Lloyd and the Junkers air communication service. The contracts have been signed and the new company will be called The Deutsche Luft Hansa. The air service will be resumed on April 1.

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28.—O.S.K. Kotai Maru

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22.—O.J.C.L. Tjikini

23.—B. I. Tjilwong

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26.—C. N. Anking

28.—O.N. Fuzhou

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Feb. 5.—J.C.J.L. Tjilwong

FOOCHEW.

Jan. 28.—D. L. Haining

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 21.—J.C.J.L. Tjikini

21.—C. N. Kwanggang

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"MANTUA"	10,932	26th June	Marselles and London
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"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
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BRITAIN'S WIRELESS  
WONDER.

The British have a habit of muddling through. Their custom seems to be to allow the rest of the world to gain the start and then, awaking to the fact that they have been left behind, to forge ahead and pass all rivals. This has happened so often now that it ceases to excite any surprise. Thus the big strides that Britain has just made in the wireless world leave us cold. None the less they are worthy of note. From a London despatch we learn that amazing success has attended the official tests of Rugby's huge wireless station. The first trial was in broad daylight and the results were most gratifying. America advised that the Rugby signals came through extremely well, and were easily ten times stronger than those from Leafeld, which hitherto was Britain's best station. The report from South Africa said Rugby was easily the most distinct station in Europe. Since then the test signals have ranged over the whole 24 hours and the officials were delighted to learn that predawn signals were picked up with amazing clarity in Australia and New Zealand. The success was all the more surprising because only half of the 12 masts and only half of the bewildering array of three miles of aerials were in use. The remainder of the aerials at present are being devoted to two-way telephone tests to America, as a result of which, it is hoped, a London subscriber soon will be able to call up a number in New York. Meanwhile it is thought there is no limit to the Rugby station's possibilities for swift and accurate wireless transmission throughout the world. It is revealed that the secret of the success achieved is the creation of a master oscillator, produced by the British Post Office's Research Department, whereby the wave length keeps its own path, and overcomes the atmospheres. This is especially important in the case of traffic to Australia, and it is considered that it will permit of ships being in constant touch with the Rugby station from any point of Australia, and also continuously on the voyage en route to London. One of the great advantages of the

Rugby service will be the fact that the steamers on the Australian run will be no longer dependent on the news from the German station at Nauen, which hitherto has outdistanced Leafeld by thousands of miles. The head of the Post Office Radio Department, in a statement, said the Rugby transmission would soon be in public service, and the wireless would then supersede the cable for ordinary communications around the world. Sir Robert Donald, writing in the "Daily Telegraph," states that the range-testing stage has been reached at Rugby wireless station, which, early in the new year, will be sending messages to reach every ship on the seven seas and the remotest corner of the Dominions. These are indeed notable facts. For in addition to the boon Rugby's wonder station will represent to Britons in all parts of the world as giving them daily news from the Homeland, there has been no greater single step taken towards knitting the far-flung lands of the Empire into one great commonwealth. Hereafter the Empire will be joined, not only by ties of kinship and loyalty, but also by the actual contact of continuous communication, which, no doubt, in due course, will be by medium of the spoken word. When that has come space has ceased to count.

GREAT.

Who are the twelve figures in human history most worthy of remembrance as the world's greatest heroes? This question would tax the oldest, yet it is to be given to school children to decide. Prizes are to be awarded for the best essays on the dozen historic characters deemed most deserving of being placed in the category of the great. The schools of the world, if the scheme matures, should be busy in the coming spring. In the effort to make a case for their heroes, the youthful judges are expected to give special consideration to nobility of character, fearless and self-sacrificing devotion to a great cause, and constructive work for humanity of a permanent nature. Pupils, and teachers alike throughout the world thus are to be stimulated to a new upward tendency. Latest quotations to hand from Liverpool are those of January 14, i.e., Mid. Am. 10.80 "Spot," Eg. Sakel. 18.55d. later an advance of over 2d. per pound on lowest point touched on December 28, 1925.

Cotton Yarn:—The situation is practically unchanged, and dealers are still holding aloof from the market. Nominal quotations are:—No. 10s. \$175/195. No. 12s. \$190/98. No. 16s. \$205/210. No. 20s. \$210/215. Arrivals 600 bales. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold stock 4,500 bales. Bar-gains 3,800 bales.

Woolens:—Nothing to report.

Raw Cottons:—No sales to report.

Metals:—Spot business stagnant, with few enquiries forward.

Flour Market Report:—Stock:

About 350,000 sacks. Market easier on account of

smaller demand from outports.

Quotations:—American Patent,

\$4.35 per sack; American

Straight, \$3.50 per sack; Ameri-

can Cut-off, \$3.60 per sack;

Shanghai Flour, \$3.55 per sack;

Australian No. 1, \$3.60 per sack;

Canadian Cut-off, \$3.20 per sack.

Sundries:—Market quiet. Very

little movement of local stocks on

account of restricted exports.

Java Sugar:—Market quiet

and/or very quiet.

Philippine and Hothow Sugar,

Singapore Candy:—Market very

quiet.

Saltpe:—Stocks (No. 1)

11,000 bags. Market remains

very dull since last report.

merely acting from a deep sense of man's humanity to man. The proposed competition should do good in laying down true principles of greatness.

Great, not like Caesar, stained with blood

and removing the subject as far as possible from the scene of warring conduct to the conflict of everyday life.

A Health Vision.

There was formed last month in London the New Health Society, whose glorious vision is a Britain without disease. It sounds Utopian, indeed, but it is claimed in all seriousness that drugs and operations will vanish if the new health principles prevail; the golden age of health will dawn. Medical men will be reassured when they are told that their services will still be required; but the supreme test will be the prevention of illness, not curing it. Doctors in future—if the Society has its way—will be the keepers of the public health, not merely cures of the people's sickness. The panacea is not a matter of diet and healthy living. There is to be a better balance in the diet, the four points of which are increased milk consumption, greater consumption of fruit, more green leaf vegetables, and the whole cereal—the non-machine milled material that retains its husk and its germ. None of these four points is novel or fresh. It must be over thirty years since a prominent medical man at Home published the results of feeding one dog on white bread and another on brown bread for three months, at the end of which period the "white bread dog" was merely a bag of bones and the "brown-bread dog" a picture of good nourishment. More recently, with the aid of the music hall and the gramophone, the "eat more fruit" propaganda has created a great deal of public interest. Still, the New Health Society is not condemnatory of meat; nor does it proclaim that nuts are the only food. Its aim is to take something out of the enormous variety of foods that are accessible, from which can be put together a diet perfectly adequate. All this is entirely praiseworthy; but, even as it is one thing to take a horse to make it drink, so it is one thing to preach the doctrine of the simple diet and quite another thing to induce the populace to practise what is preached.

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SHREDS AND PATCHES.

January, 1926.

A CALENDAR. 18, Mon., Benjamin Franklin born, 1706.

19, Tues., John Howard died, 1790.

20, Wed., John Ruskin died, 1900.

21, Thurs., Henry Hallam, his

torian, died, 1859.

22, Fri., Lord Byron born, 1788.

23, Sat., William Pitt died, 1806.

24, Sun., Federation of Trade Unions, 1899.

He belonged to JOHN RUSKIN, the century

which he just

lasted out, did Ruskin, and the

clever people of to-day say that he is

old-fashioned. Very modern

artists laugh at his teaching, and

economists tell us that his

theories are unsound.

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northern parts of Scotland by the mountain peasantry. A number of young lads and lasses meeting together on the eve of St. Agnes at the hour of twelve, went one by one to a certain cornfield, and threw in some grain, after which they pronounced the following rhyme:—

Agnes sweet and Agnes fair,  
Hither, hither, now repair;  
Monny Agnes, set me see  
The lad who is to marry me.

The prayer was granted by their favourite saint, and the shadow of the destined bride or bridegroom was seen in a mirror on this very night.

THE TREATY. Cinemas, as a recorder of historical acts, is shown by the pictures of the signing of the Locarno pact at the Foreign Office, London. Future generations will be able to see what our present political leaders looked like on an occasion of great interest. The Queen's Theatre should have been packed to the doors during the screening of this brief ceremony.

There once was a King named Macbeth. A better King never drew breath.

The faults of his life  
Were all due to his wife,  
The notorious Lady Macbeth.

What is the origin of the "THE MAN IN THE STREET" phrase, "The man in the street," and in what connection was it first used? The phrase "The man in the street" is usually attributed to Emerson, who uses the phrase frequently, but the expression was undoubtedly used before his time. The earliest quotation of it in the large Oxford Dictionary is dated 1831 (from the Croville Memoirs), the context being as follows: "The other side affirms that the King will not consent to it, knowing, as 'the man in the street' always does, the greatest secrets of kings." It was evidently a common phrase in 1831.

GAELOC WRATH.

LOCAL IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

Extracts from the chapter on imports, in the fortnightly report (on January 15) of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce read:

IMPORTS—PRICES CURRENT.

The figures are published as supplied by Importers and the Chamber cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods:—The market re-

mains virtually unchanged with little or no new business in either

Greys, Whites or Fancies. Both

descriptions of cotton shew an

upward tendency. Latest quo-

## WEMBLEY HONOURS.

HONGKONG MAN GETS EMPIRE ORDER.

TWO DECORATIONS FOR MALAYA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 15.

The Wembley Exhibition Honours, which were gazetted to-night, include the following:

Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Mr. Andrew Caldecott, Malaya.

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Mr. George Duncan, Hongkong.

Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Raja Kechil and ex-Sultan Abdullah, Malaya.

The Lion's Share.

London, Later.

Australia gets the hon's share of the Wembley Exhibition Honours with six out of 35 recipients.

General Sir Francis Clarke heads the list with the Knight of Knight of the Grand Cross of the Empire.

The only woman, Lady Galway, Chairman of the Women's Section, gets a Commandership of the Order of the Empire.

The list contains four Knight Commanderships of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, the remainder being minor decorations.

## SHIPPING IN 1925.

GREAT BRITAIN LEADS IN CONSTRUCTION.

REDUCTION ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 16.

According to Lloyd's annual summary, 865 vessels, aggregating 106,000 tons gross, were launched in 1925, while 492 per cent, namely 105,000 tons were launched in the British Isles.

Germany comes second with 406,000 tons; Italy, 142,000 tons; and the United States, 11,000 tons. Japan is eighth with 57,000 tons. There is a decrease in the total output of 54,000 tons compared with 1924. The decrease in the British Isles is 355,000 tons, thus showing an increase abroad of 301,000 tons. There were 178,000 tons launched in Great Britain for owners abroad.

## NOT DANGEROUS.

TETRAETHYL AND LEAD IN PETROLEUM.

RISKS OF BLENDING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, Jan. 16.

That commercial petrol containing tetraethyl and lead is not dangerous to health, and there is no reason why its sale under proper regulations should be prohibited, is the finding of the Committee appointed in May last.

The Committee's report is based on a study of 256 persons who were exposed in various degrees to the exhaust fumes of gas.

It is pointed out, however, that there is serious danger to health in the manufacture and blending of tetraethyl and lead, which must be subject to precise regulations here.

## CAVALRY ACTION.

ADVANCED POSTS DRIVEN BACK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 19.

According to latest reports, Makden cavalry attacked and drove back Wei-Yi-San's advanced posts near Wan-chia-tien, on Sunday.

Wei, yesterday, began a general retirement from Shantung to Chinwangtien, where he will be in touch with the first Kuomintang leader, Tan Shih-tao, who is at Luanchow.

Wei commands about 10,000 men and Tan about 6,000.

## AN ILL WIND.

BLOWS ORDERS TO GREAT BRITAIN.

U.S. MINERS' STRIKE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 19.

The anthracite mines strike deadlock has resulted in renewal of interest in Welsh coal. It is reported that large orders were placed in Britain last week.

Coke is very scarce and steel companies report extreme difficulty in obtaining supplies.

## FROM HONGKONG?

CHINESE SMUGLED INTO AUSTRALIA.

DEAD MEN'S CERTIFICATES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, Jan. 19.

The Federal authorities have taken active measures to terminate the practice of trying to smuggle Chinese into Australia on the birth certificates of dead Chinese. It was stated that the headquarters of the conspiracy are in Hongkong.

## ENGINES REVERSED.

RESHUFFLING OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

MOVE TO OBTAIN CREDITS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

The papers are most interested in the Ministerial reshuffling in the Soviet Government.

The "Gaulois" declares that the Bolsheviks wish to show a more moderate front in order to obtain credits.

The "Excelsior" attributes the eagerness of the Soviets to reopen negotiations with France to the peasants' need of agricultural machinery and fertilisers, which Russian industry is unable to supply.

The "Petit Journal" says that the Soviet Government is being compelled to reverse engines under formidable pressure from the peasants and small tradesmen.

The "Petit Parisien" declares that the Franco-Soviet pourparlers will be resumed next week.

## FIVE-FIVE-THREE.

STRENGTH OF AMERICAN NAVY.

REPUBLICAN FEARS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 19.

The House of Representatives debated the strength of the United States Navy.

Most of the Republicans defended the economies recommended by the Appropriations Committee, but the Republican, Mr. Britton, feared that the United States was in danger of falling below the five-five-three naval ratio, which he insisted the British were fully maintaining.

The Republican, Mr. French, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee, denied that America was below the ratio.

## AIR PASSENGERS.

BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA COMFORTS.

TWELVE DAYS' VOYAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 19.

Two-berth sleeping cabins, a dining saloon, and a lounge, were among the details sketched by Sir Sefton Brancker whilst lecturing before the Overseas League and describing airships which "possibly in the very near future" will carry a hundred passengers and baggage from Britain to Australia via India within ten or twelve days, cruising about 65 miles an hour. "We started the Cairo-Karachi service, and Australia has started to meet us. The meeting will probably be at Singapore."

## MEXICO'S LAWS.

INJUNCTIONS BY FOREIGN COMPANIES.

NEW PETROLEUM ACT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, Jan. 19.

Approximately thirty applications for injunctions to restrain the Mexican Government from enforcing a retroactive application of the new Petroleum Law have been filed in the District Courts by foreign oil companies.

Meanwhile, Committees representing foreign companies are conferring with Señor Luis Morones, Minister of Industry and Commerce, regarding the details of the new law.

## ACROSS PERSIA.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Teheran, Jan. 19.

The Minister for Public Works has submitted a Bill authorising the construction of a railway across Persia, which is for a term of 25 years.

## LUTHER'S TASK.

PARTY DIFFERENCES OVERCOME.

FINAL EFFORT SUCCEEDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 19.

Dr. Luther's efforts to form a Coalition Cabinet comprising Democrats, Centrists, German People's and Bavarian People's Parties have failed owing to the differences between the Democrats and the Bavarians.

The Democrats insisted on Herr Koch being given the Ministry of the Interior, whereas the Bavarians objected to Herr Koch as a danger to the Federal system of the Reich on account of his strong Democratic and Republican views.

Dr. Luther will make a final effort to-day to bring the parties together, but in the event of his failure, which is most probable, the President (Marshal von Hindenburg) will be faced with the alternatives of asking Dr. Luther to form a Cabinet of officials and experts or of inviting another politician to try his luck.

HINDENBURG FIRM.

President Hindenburg has made a move to help Dr. Luther to solve the Cabinet-making difficulties. He received the leaders of the various Parties and told them that a Government must be formed and that the situation would be very serious if Dr. Luther failed.

Subsequently all the Parties conferred with Dr. Luther, and all agreed to his proposed Cabinet which is according to the forecast cabled on Sunday, but includes Dr. Kuehl as Minister of the Interior.

The proposed Cabinet comprises the following:— Chancellor Dr. Luther; Foreign Affairs Dr. Stresemann; Interior Dr. Kuehl; Labour Dr. Bräuer; Justice Dr. Marx; Finance Herr Reinhold; Food (?) Count von Kunitz; Communications (?) Herr Oeser; Defence Dr. Gessler; Posts and Occupied Territory Dr. Marx.

The Parties thus represented include the Democrats, Centre Party, German People's Party, and the Bavarian People's Party. Neither the Socialists nor the Nationalists are represented. Thus the Government will have to follow a clear and careful programme and its foreign policy will remain unchanged.

FIXED ANNUITIES.

London, Jan. 19.

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The "considerable progress" mentioned in the Treasury's announcement regarding the Italian debt negotiations apparently relates to the fact that the question of annuities has been reached.

It is believed that the argument concerning the exact amount of the debt has been shelved in favour of a discussion on payment of fixed annuities for a period of years.

Great Britain is asking for at least nine millions sterling for 62 years, but Italy is prepared to offer three or four millions sterling only.

London, later.

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Cairo, Jan. 19.

Of eighteen Communists arrested last June, following Police observations of their activities, three (Weiss, Pollak, and Anton) have been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and four to imprisonment varying from a year to six months.

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Peking, Jan. 19.

A mandate appoints the Premier, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, to act concurrently as Minister of Finance.

Dr. Chen Chin-tao, until recently Financial Minister, has refused to return to office.

(Reuter's Service.)

FIRST "HOP."

SEAPLANE'S FLIGHT TO AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Huelva, Jan. 19.

Major Franco and Captain Ruiz de Alda have arrived in a seaplane from Melilla—the first "hop" preparatory to leaving Palos de Moguer on Thursday for America.

## RUBBER NEEDS.

ARE AMERICANS REDUCING CONSUMPTION?

WHAT MR. HOOVER THINKS!

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 19.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, has published a statement in which it is estimated that the consumption of rubber in the United States in December was 7,000 tons below that of November. Whilst it is

regarded that the reduction was partly seasonal, he thought that it indicated a desire on the part of the American public to reduce consumption on account of high prices.

Mr. Hoover added that American rubber manufacturers had covered 75 per cent. of their requirements during the next six months by advance contracts.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

Giving evidence before the Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. C. E. Walters, who is attached to the Bureau of Standards, said that production costs prohibited the use on a large scale of reclaimed and synthetic rubber.

ITALY'S DEBTS.

COUNT VOLPI'S VISIT TO LONDON.

NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING.

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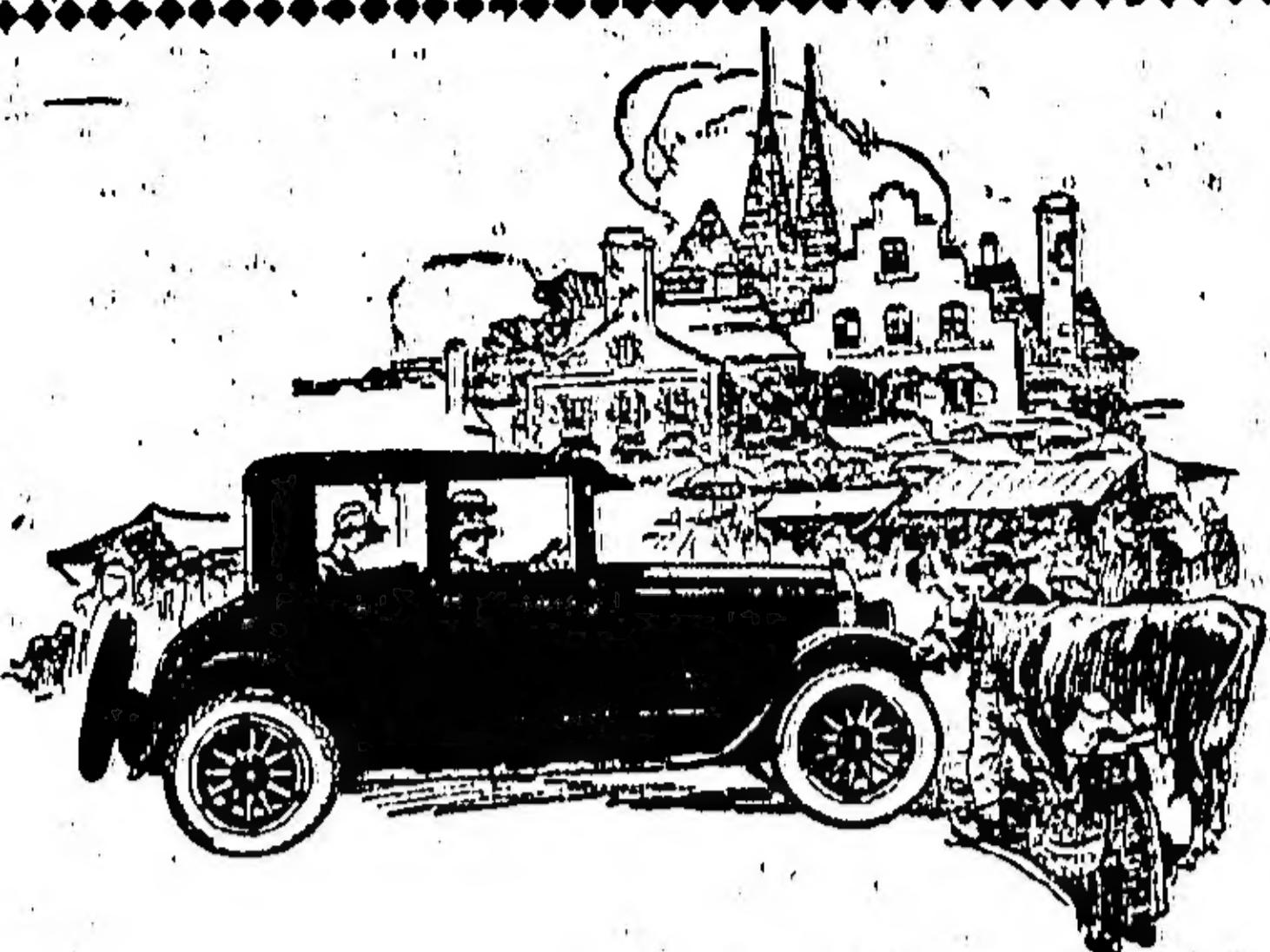
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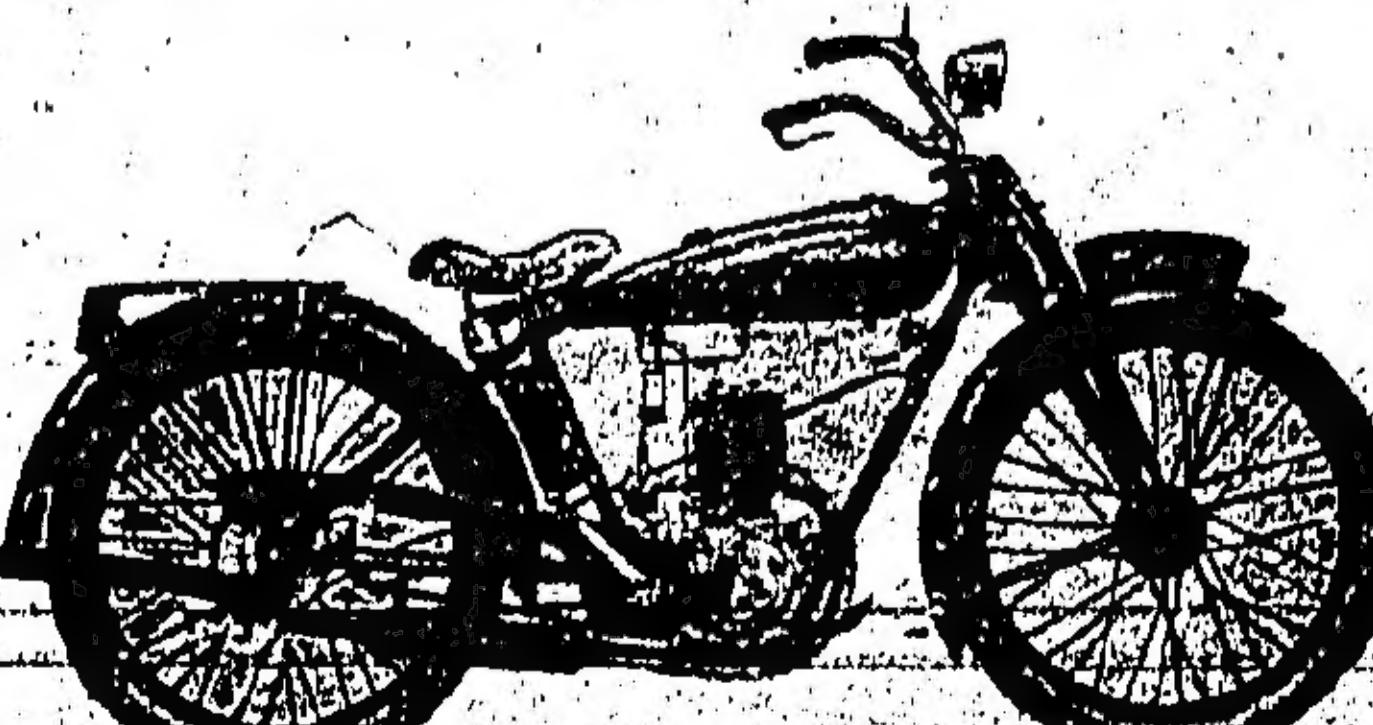
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to Covent Garden merchants the Christmas tree is as popular as ever. "I, personally, am handling 100,000 trees," said one merchant.

At the Faunce Hotel, Shanghai, during Christmas week a lifelike presentation of a snowman skiing down a bank was the admiration of all beholders. Complete in every detail from cap and gauntlets to stick and skis, the figure was the work of an artist.

A Chinese arrested during a raid at No. 12, Hin Fat Street, on Sunday, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of 7 lbs. of raw opium and five taels of prepared opium. He was fined \$200, or two months' imprisonment, on the first count, and \$2,000, or eight months' imprisonment on the second count.

A coolie working on one of the Sandakan timber camps died recently from the effects of an overdose of Chinese medicine prescribed for him by a well meaning friend. A sample was sent to Singapore for analysis and was found to include among its ingredients such things as musk, pearl, amber, frankincense, Szechuan musk-deer, scorpion and centipede bodies.

The Singapore Amateur Dramatic Committee contemplate producing, in the near future, another of the popular Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Since the best production of this nature, the Gondoliers, many newcomers have arrived in the Colony, and many old friends have left. The committee, therefore, have decided to follow the procedure they adopted when preparing for the production of the Gondoliers, and ask all who are interested in operatic work, who have voices, and would like a chance of taking part in the coming production, to send in their names to Mr. W. T. Houghton, care of Messrs. Lewis and Peat, Ltd.

Framed copies of match cards showing Jack Hobbs' curtain in cricket have been hung in all the boys' schools at Wimbledon.

For the third year in succession the officers and crew of the United States liner "Leyden" gave a Christmas party to 1,000 of Southampton's poorest children.

Stratford woman, in Bow County Court: "If you have a lot of babies they talk 'birth control' to you, and if you have none they steer and say, 'What have you done for your country?'"

When a woman was summoned to Willesden for keeping a dog without a licence, an Island Revenue officer said he was walking past a house when the dog flew out and tried to bite him. He asked the owner for the licence and found she had none.

When the Tokyo Stock Exchange closed for the New Year holidays, all records for a single day's transactions had been broken, the total number of shares affected by deals that day aggregating 892,360, the greatest figure in the history of the institution. The exchange was founded in 1877.

The Tokyo theatres started the New Year well. The Kabukiza theatre began a new series of performances with 5,000 reserved seats already sold, and all the first and second class seats reserved up to January 5. The Imperial Theatre opened with a new bill and almost all the seats in the house were sold up to January 15. Many business organisations took great blocks of tickets for their staff employees, and one block reservation was that of the Woman's Suffrage Federation at the Imperial Theatre on January 14. Large and small restaurants likewise were booked for many private dinner parties and they expect many more impromptus. The Fumuro Restaurant was engaged daily by various parties until January 15.

After a burglary at a Chelsea church it was discovered that the window through which the burglar had apparently entered was not covered by the insurance policy.

The Draeger breathing apparatus, manufactured by Messrs. H. and B. Draeger, Luebeck, Germany, has been approved by the Board of Trade for use at rescue stations and mines.

When a widow was sued for possession of premises at Whitechapel County Court, it was said that she had lived rent free for nearly eight years by the generosity of the landlord.

"You shall tell the truth, the whole truth. The saucer is cracked, and if you do not tell the truth your soul shall be cracked like the saucer." This was the form of oath administered to four Chinamen, at Manchester Assizes.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable diseases which have occurred in the Colony of Hongkong during last week contains one (imported) case of small-pox and four cases of diphtheria (two British and two Chinese).

It was announced in the "London Gazette" that a receiving order has been made against Sir Brodrick Hartwell, Bart. Sir Brodrick Hartwell has been prominent recently in connection with whisky running ventures to America. In April last he announced that 30,000 cases from one cargo had been seized by the American Customs.

The Boston Red Sox baseball team will be some 25,000 the poorer following a decision by the Board of Tax Appeals that they must pay this additional income tax on the profits of the sale of "Babe" Ruth, and Carl Mays, two baseball "giants," to the New York Yankees. \$28,000 was paid for the two men, in three yearly instalments.

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News of the death of Mr. H. S. Hutchinson, of General Motors Export Corporation, in Manila on December 16 has just been received in Tokyo. Mr. Hutchinson, who had "just been assigned" to Japan and who was to have sailed from Manila on December 16, was taken with an attack of acute appendicitis on December 16. He was removed to the hospital and operated on immediately, but died the following day. The body was sent home on the U.S. steamer "Chamouni" on December 20.

**"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE****ICE HOCKEY.****CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE.****FIRST THREE COUNTRIES.**

(Reuter's Service.)

Davos, Jan. 19.  
Switzerland has won the European ice hockey championship. Czechoslovakia was second and Austria third.

**POLO GYMKHANA.****PROGRAMME FOR NEXT MEETING.**

Another polo gymkhana will be held on Saturday, January 30, commencing 3 p.m. on the Polo Club ground, Causeway Bay.

The first item is the finals of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup. This will be followed by the gymkhana events, namely, pig sticking, thread and needle race, musical chairs, bending race and obstacle race.

Details as to entry, admission, etc., will be found in an advertisement.

**HOCKEY MATCH.****CLUB SECOND DEFEATED.**

Mid. Stephenson of H.M.S.

"Hawkins" scored five goals yesterday, on the Kowloon Marina ground, for his ship team against the Hockey Club 2nd XI.

Altogether the "Hawkins" had seven and the Club replied with three.

This is the last game for A. J. Frank, the Club goalie, who is going away. He could not be blamed for the collapse of the defence.

**FANLING GOLF.**

The Golf Club bogey pool at Fanling on January 16 to 18 was divided by J. S. McLaren and M. H. Roffey, who both finished all square. Other scores were: — H. H. Pethick, 2 down; W. L. Dunbar and N. Currie, 3 down.

**LADIES' CUP.**

In the Ladies' Section, the final of the Railway Cup was played on Thursday last, the winner being Mrs. D. J. Lewis, who beat Mrs. K. S. Morrison by 2 and 1.

**BREAST STROKE RECORD.**

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 11.  
Agnes Gerughty to-day broke the 100 yard breast stroke swimming record, covering the distance in 1:23, one fifth of a second better than the previous record.

**FACING DEATH.****HAPPIER THAN I HAVE EVER BEEN.****TRIBUTES BY A DEAN.**

Tributes to the courage of Samuel Johnson, aged 29, a blacksmith's striker, of Wellington Street, Stratford, near Manchester, who was hanged at Manchester for the murder of Beatrice Philomena Martin, 23, were paid by the coroner and by the Dean of Manchester (Canon Hewlett Johnson), who attended the inquest.

At his trial, which lasted only four minutes, Johnson pleaded guilty and refused to allow anybody to defend him. A married man, he had kept company with the dead woman for two years, and when he saw her going home with a seaman he stabbed her and immediately gave himself up.

The coroner (Mr. R. Stuart Rodger) said:

This is a particularly sad case. This man, just 29, had an honourable Army service. The managing director of the works at which Johnson was employed at Old Trafford has told me that Johnson was one of the finest workmen he had ever had, and that he could trust no man so fully at his work.

The Dean of Manchester, who was present because Johnson had been confirmed in prison before his trial by the Bishop of Manchester, said:

We should like to say how much we admire in that man who has just passed away the whole conduct of his life since the crime, his conduct in confessing his sin and pleading for that forgiveness which we know he will receive. His

**THE TEST TEAM.****AUSTRALIANS' WEAK POINTS.****HOME EXPERT'S VIEWS.**

(via Colombo.)

London, Dec. 31.  
The players selected to represent Australia in the Test matches are generally considered to constitute a formidable side, although one or two comments are made regarding the bowling, which is scarcely up to the old Australian standard.

Antony Faulkner, the South African Test player in the "Westminster Gillette," summarises the bowling capacity as very strong. The bowling, he says, is problematical, but he is not impressed by the apparent quality of the holding.

[Note: — The names, as cabled by Faulkner, have been given in the "China Mail."]

Melbourne, Dec. 30.  
The Board of Control has appointed Messrs. H. Bushby and Sydney Smith delegates to the Imperial Cricket Conference in England in 1926.

The delegates will endeavour to arrange for an English team to visit Australia in 1927-28.

NO MATCH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Australian team will play matches at Enniskennedy and Hobart on route for England. The Board has declined the invitation to play South Africa when the team is returning home.

Reserves: — R. A. Smith, M. H. Rose and E. J. Edwards.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club:

1st XI v. Chinese R.C. League (away): — F. J. de Rome (capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. E. Wood, E. C. Finch, E. B. Reed, H. G. Wallington, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman and E. D. Evans.

2nd XI v. H.M.S. "Hawkins," friendly (home): — W. H. Edmunds (capt.), H. E. Strange, E. C. K. Hawkins, H. F. Westlake, E. A. Bastin, C. Saro, H. F. Harper, F. E. Booker, T. W. Gair, R. S. W. Patterson and G. Edwards.

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**CRICKET TEAMS.****TWO H.K.C.C. SATURDAY ELEVENS.****FOR "FRIENDLY" MATCHES.**

On Saturday the Hongkong Cricket Club will field two elevens, both in friendly fixtures. All games start at 2 p.m. The teams are: —

1st XI v. Kowloon (home): — R. Hancock (capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. G. Burgess, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, P. Jacks, E. G. Lammett, H. V. Parker, T. E. Pearce, Rev. T. B. Powell and H. G. Sheldon.

2nd XI v. Indian R.C. 2nd XI (away): — E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. J. Armstrong, Rev. T. Featherstone, W. W. Mackenzie, A. K. Mackenzie, R. H. Oliver, J. A. H. Plummer, F. D. E. Pendered, C. R. Valtack, M. M. Watson and F. N. Young.

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AUGUST & GRETCHEN REIMERS.

August Reimers and his sister, Gretchen, are working hard to pay £300 compensation for the death of a man killed by Reimer's car.

**TANK CLAIM FAILS.****JUDGE'S COMMENTS ON BENTLEY.**

Judgment for the Crown was given by Mr. Justice McCardie in the £300,000 claim by Capt. Bede J. F. Bentley, of St. David's, Church End, Finchley, N., who contended that he was the originator of the British Army's war tank in October 1914.

Capt. Bentley said it was at Lord Kitchener's request that he devised the idea of the tank; that when he discussed the matter at Lord Kitchener's private house in Carlton-gardens, a promise was made that his financial interests would be protected; and that he did not take out a provisional patent as the project was to be kept secret.

Mr. Justice McCardie said that Capt. Bentley was a most unsatisfactory witness. Many of his answers were most evasive. His evidence was unreliable. Examination of the documents strongly confirmed him (Mr. Justice McCardie) in this adverse view.

The word "tank" was not used in public till 1916; therefore it was a singular word for Capt. Bentley to use if he used it in 1914. Yet his counsel said it was used as an accidental misnomer for the word "cylinder." In his (Mr. Justice McCardie's) opinion it was a non-accidental misnomer, used by Capt. Bentley at a later date for a certain purpose.

The sceptical attitude of Lord Kitchener towards the tank was inconsistent with any alleged expression of belief by him that such a weapon would revolutionise warfare. Throughout the series of events and developments which ultimately led to the production of an efficient and powerful tank, Lord Kitchener displayed no active interest in the project. He did not realise that such a weapon was within the range of practical achievement. This attitude, in which he did not stand alone, was maintained till his death.

Mr. Justice McCardie said that his conclusions were:

(1) That Capt. Bentley had no conversation with Lord Kitchener on October 19, 1914. His only conversation on that date was with Col. Fitzgerald, and his version of that interview was not correct.

(2) He was not satisfied that Capt. Bentley's alleged draft of the letter of October 19, 1914, correctly set out the actual contents of the letter sent by him.

(3) He was fully satisfied that the notes alleged to have been made on October 21, 1914, at an interview with Lord Kitchener were not in fact made till after the death of Lord Kitchener in June 1916.

(4) He wholly rejected Capt. Bentley's version of his interview with Lord Kitchener. No such conversation as that alleged took place and the words attributed to Lord Kitchener were not used; and there was no conversation as to the use of poison gas.

(5) Capt. Bentley had no interview with Lord Kitchener in or about November 1915.

It was absolutely clear that Capt. Bentley's ideas, so far as they existed, were not utilised by or known to those who took part in the series of events which culminated in the successful production of the tank.

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**LOCAL SHARE MARKET.****OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 20, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Broker Society.
T.T. on London	2/42	2/42	2/42
T.T. on Shanghai	78	78	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1060 b. 1060	\$1065 ss.	\$1065 ss.
do.	1212 ss.	1212 ss.	1212 ss.
Chartered Bank	2124 b.	2292 ss.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	2132 b.	2132 ss.	—
do.	2072 b.	2072 ss.	—
P. & O. Bank	885 b.	880 ss.	880 ss.
Bank of East Asia	600 b.	600 ss.	600 ss.
Marine Insurances	2.30 ss.	2.30 ss.	2.30 ss.
Canton Insurance	2.14 ss.	2.14 ss.	2.14 ss.
China Underwriters	T 145 b.	T 145 ss.	—
North China Insurance	254 b.	254 ss.	254 ss.
Union Insurance	35 b.	35 ss.	35 ss.
Yangtze Insurance	—	—	—
Fire Insurances	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 ss.	165 ss.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 ss.	590 ss.
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglas	33 b.	32 ss.	35 ss.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 b.	24 ss.	23 1/2 ss.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	42 b.	42 ss.	4 ss.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 b.	30 ss.	37 ss.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	45 b.	45 ss.	65 ss.
do. ( ) Hk.	—	—	—
Oriental Navigation	—	250 ss.	—
Star Ferries	97/6 ss.	97/6 ss.	97/6 ss.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 ss.	16 ss.
Refineries	—	—	—
China Sugars	31 b.	30 ss.	30 ss.
Malabon Sugars	48 b.	35 ss.	50 ss.
Mining	—	—	—
Benguet	100 b.	—	—
Kai Lan Mining Ad.	44/2 ss.	T 32 ss.	47/6 ss.
Langkats (Combined)	20 b.	20 ss.	T 34 ss.
do. (Single)	—	—	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45 ss.	5.45 ss.	—
Shanghai Loan	5.80 ss.	5.82 ss.	6 ss.
Rauba	55 ss.	55 ss.	—
Tronch Mines	8/— ss.	8/— ss.	—
Urak Caspians	—	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	126 b.	126 ss.	126 ss.
H.K. & W. Docks	57/2 b.	57/2 ss.	57 ss.
Hongkew	T 165 b.	T 165 ss.	T 165 ss.
New Engineers	7 b.	7 ss.	7 ss.
Shanghai Docks	112 b.	112 ss.	112 ss.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	8 b.	8 ss.	7 1/2 b.
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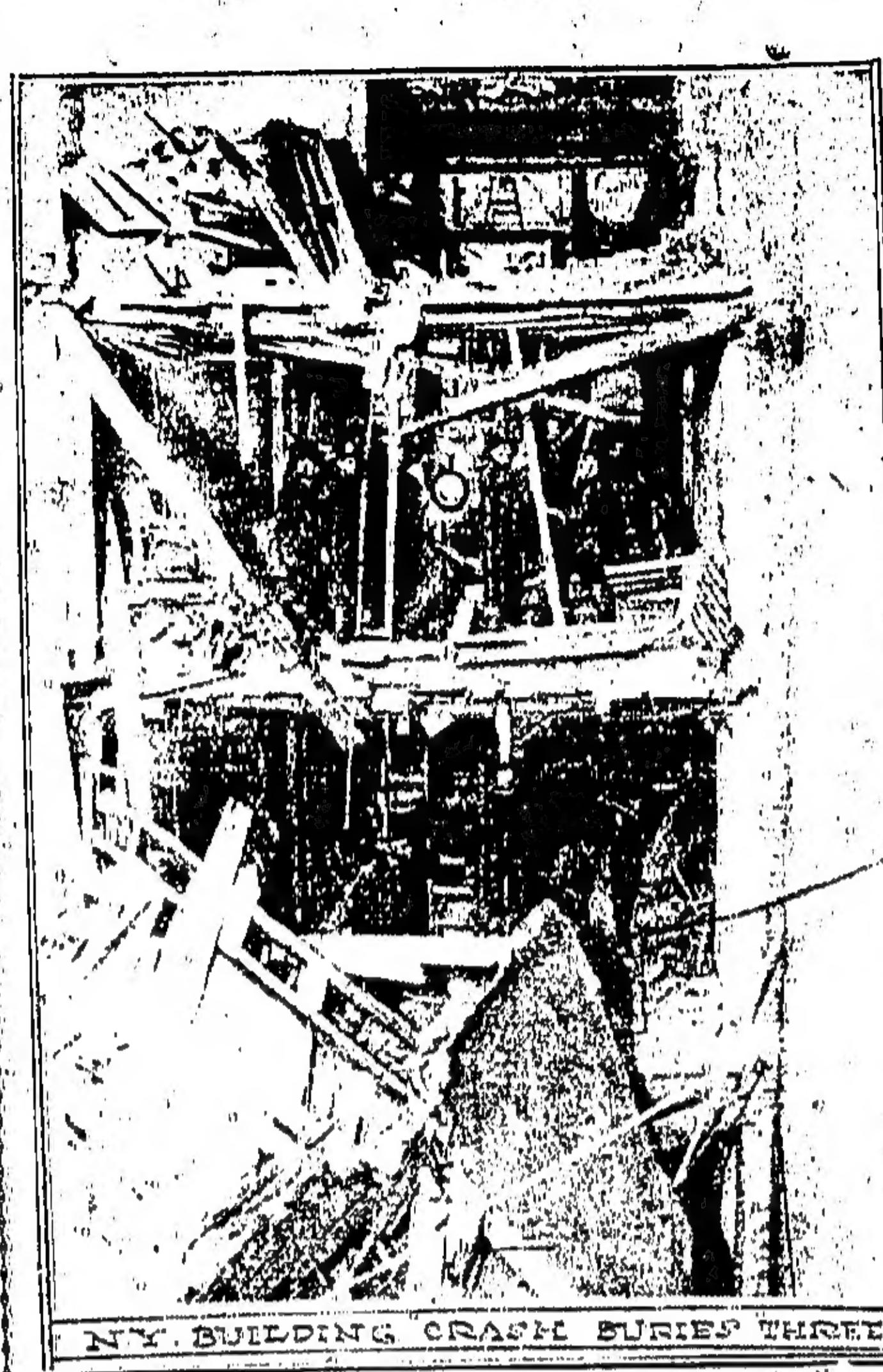
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Clarence Darrow, in a debate at Princeton University with Senator Lenroot, declared the World Court a foe to freedom. Representative J. A. Garner, from Texas, and Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, clashed at a hearing in Washington. Mrs. Horace Dodge, of Detroit, escaped death when her car turned over at West Palm Beach, Fla.



This London youngster, with the mincemeat laugh, evidently has been creating a stir in culinary circles. It looks as if he is anticipating the luscious pie he is helping to make.



MRS. MARY MORELLY

Mrs. Mary Morelly, ninety, is right on the job daily in a New York shirt factory, where she has been employed for the past six years, working eight hours a day.

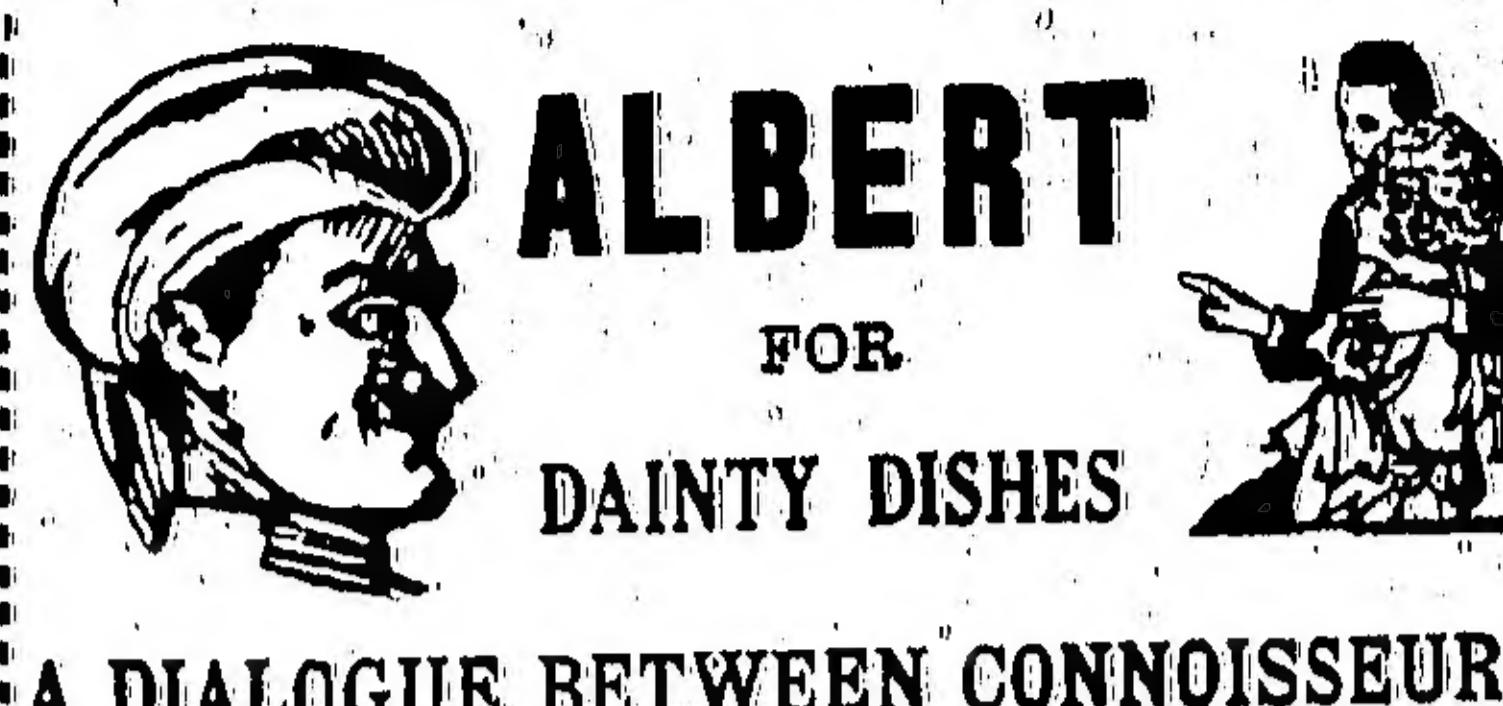


HARVARD STUDENTS

These jesters were pictured in Harvard Square, Cambridge, where they did almost everything but remove the Square as they tried to pass the tests required for admission into the famous club.

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## ODDS AND ENDS

## The Certified Bride.

The College for Women in Boston University has started a course in matrimony, and any girl who takes it and satisfies the examiners is entitled, if and when she gets married, to wear the letters C.B. (Certified Bride) after her name. Every College department is helping—the Professor of Psychology, for example, explains the mentality of the male with special reference to domestic relations—and the occupant of the special "Chair of Love and Marriage," a well-wedded matron, fills her lectures with epigrams such as: "Never marry a man just because you love him," and "Romance and roses fade, but rent and bills remain."

The Welsh "Blue" Guards. The Royal Welch Fusiliers have a much nearer relationship to the Guards, whom they have relieved for duty at the Royal Palaces, than many people imagine. When Dutch William was chasing James II. all over the place he was forced to raise extra troops, and one regiment was recruited from the Welsh Marches, afterwards called the 23rd Foot, or Royal Welch Fusiliers. These were fittered by being dressed, not in scarlet, but in blue, in imitation of King William's famous "Blue" Guards. But they wear scarlet nowadays, and one would like to know why such a famous regiment should not wear their bright uniform at the Palaces, instead of the dull khaki.

Lo, the Poor Indian. Most people regard the American aborigine as now inhabiting exclusively the fiction of their boyhood, the remote fastnesses of Arizona and New Mexico, and the studios of the Los Angeles Moving Picture factories. They will be surprised to learn that in New York State 23,000 acres of land are still being cultivated by Indians, of whom one tribe—the Onondaga—claim to be 100 per cent. pure. Many other Indians still live by hunting and fishing as of old. Such story book names as Tallchief, Bluestock, Bigtree, and Bucktooth still survive, but are growing scarcer. The four oldest Indians in the State are Jane Jimison, Ira Pearce, Julia Crow, and Martha Brown. Normally the Indians in the States have increased twenty-five per cent. in the last twenty-five years, but actually the Amer-indian blood is fast disappearing.

The Tank Judgment. The judgment given by Mr. Justice McCord in the \$300,000 tank invention claim brought by Captain Bentley makes it obvious that whoever did or did not invent the tank, Captain Bentley did not.

This jungle perch was assumed by his majesty, Sixby Silver Triumph, after he had won a prize at the Silver Club Cat Show in New York.

## "Bullers" Headwear.

A most disquieting rumour reaches us from Cambridge. It is to the effect that the top-hats worn by Proctors' bulldogs are to be abolished in favour of something more utilitarian, says the "Morning Post." This is monstrous. The ludicrous arguments advanced in favour of the proposal are that the top-hat is not suitable for quick acceleration, when in pursuit of a disappearing undergraduate. It appears that a mathematical don has arrived at the conclusion that the centre of gravity of the top-hat is too high, and that its powers of adhesion to a body in swift motion are not all that can be desired especially when centrifugal force comes into play going round corners. Such arguments are paltry. If the top-hat, which is sufficiently conspicuous to give fair warning to undergraduates, is to be abolished in favour of something furtive, something streamlined or something athletic, such as a "gent's boater," then a blow will have been struck at one of the fundamentals of Cambridge life. They will want to dress the bulldogs in running shorts next!

## The Sports Girl.

Those who complain with Dr. Leonard Williams that athletic women lose their "feminine characteristics" seem unaware that many women nowadays have no great liking for these characteristics (says E. C. P. in the Star): "play strenuous tournament tennis," said a typical sports girl to me the other day, "because it gets me out of the ordinary gossiping, back-biting suburban atmosphere better than anything else." When I suggested that playing so much tennis would spoil her good looks and give her what Mr. Alfred Prang, the portrait painter, describes as "a hard type of face," she replied: "It's a small price to pay for escaping from the society of 'feminine' tea party women and meeting instead jolly masculine girls who don't care twopenny what they look like, and behave and talk like 'sensible men.' This is a point of view against which doctors and other critics will have great difficulty in making headway. It is not new, but only in recent years has any escape been provided for those women who are bored and irritated by the more "feminine" of their sex. Years ago Jane Austen could escape only by writing old novels. It is now possible to escape even more successfully by playing games—not in a casual, garden-party way, but very seriously indeed.



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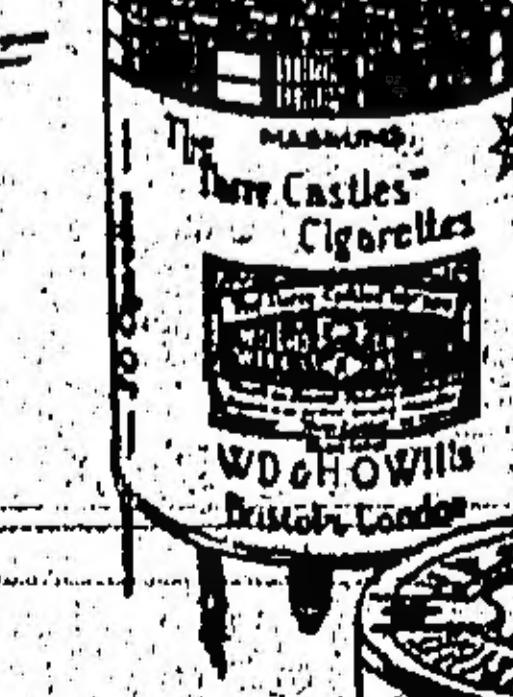
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